



“AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: RECONCILED RECONCILERS (PART I)”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-13 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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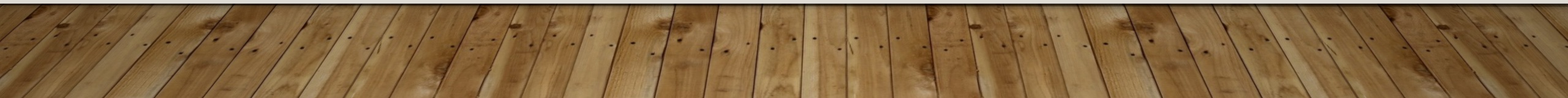




SINFUL SEPARATION



- 1 Surely the arm of the LORD [YHWH] is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
- 2 **But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear. (Is 59:1-2, NIV)**



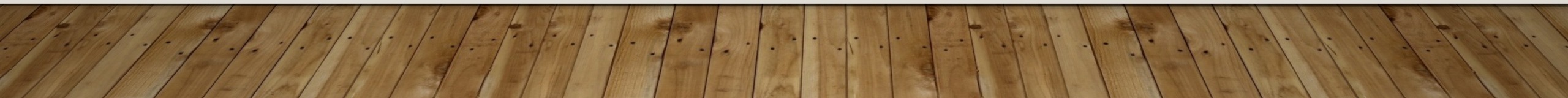


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Once you were **alienated** from God
and were **enemies** in your minds
because of your evil behavior.

(Col 1:21, NIV)

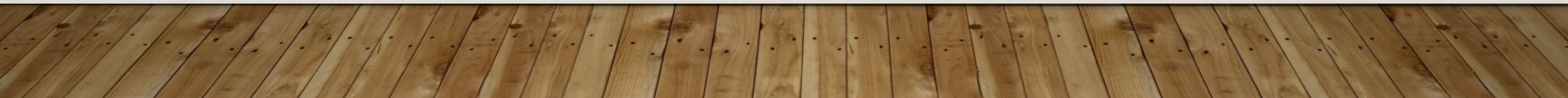




CONTEXT:
FAKE PROPHETS WANT
TO MAKE PROFITS



Unlike so many, **we do not peddle the word of God for profit.** On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with **sincerity**, as those **sent from God.** (2 Cor 2:17, NIV)

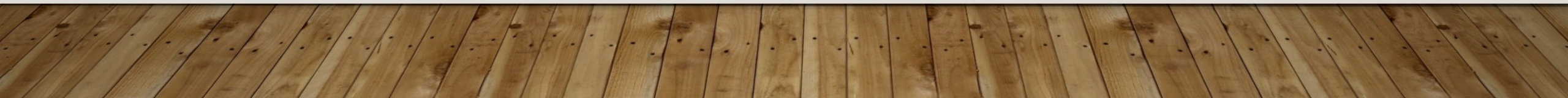




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Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; **we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God.** On the contrary, by setting forth the truth **plainly** we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (2 Cor 4:2, NIV)

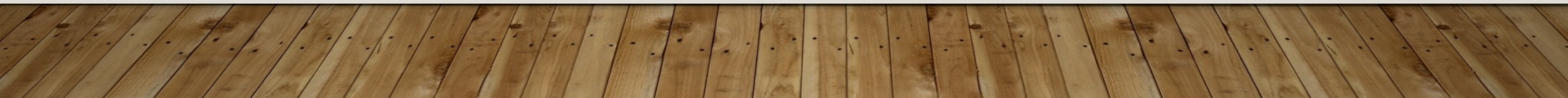




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For if someone comes to you and preaches a **Jesus other than the Jesus we preached**, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a **different gospel** from the one you accepted, **you put up with it easily enough.** (2 Cor 11:4, NIV)

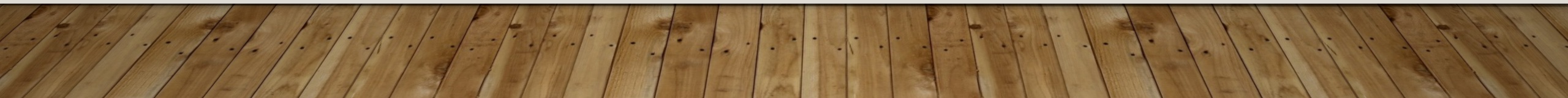




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For such people are **false apostles,**
deceitful workers, masquerading
as apostles of Christ. (2 Cor 11:13)

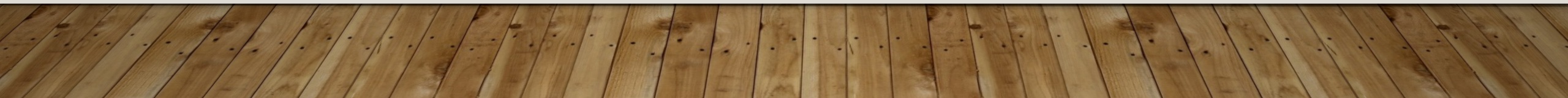




2 CORINTHIANS 5:11
MOTIVATION FOR PERSUASION:
THE KNOWLEDGE AND FEAR OF THE LORD



Since, therefore, having known the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade [πείθω | *peithō*] people. But, to God, what we are has been clearly revealed. And, I hope it to be clearly revealed in your consciences, as well. (2 Cor 5:11, AT)

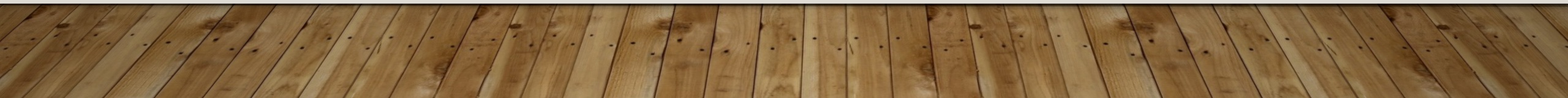




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So we make it our goal to please **him**,
whether we are at **home** in the body
or **away** from it. (2 Cor 5:9, NIV)

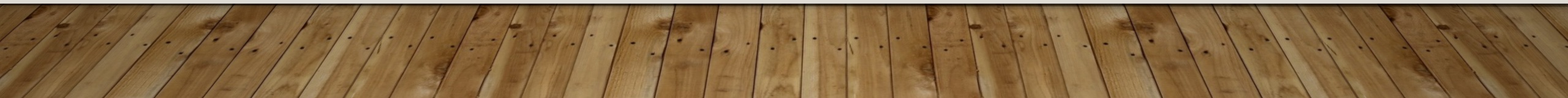




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For we must **all** appear before the **judgment** seat of Christ, so that **each** of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether **good** or **bad** (2 Cor 5:10, NIV)

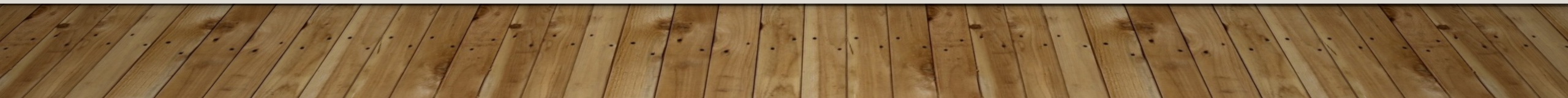




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And now, Israel, what does the LORD [YHWH] your God ask of you but to **fear the LORD [YHWH] your God**, to walk in **obedience** to him, to **love** him, to **serve** the LORD [YHWH] your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD [YHWH]'s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? (Dt 10:12-13, NIV)



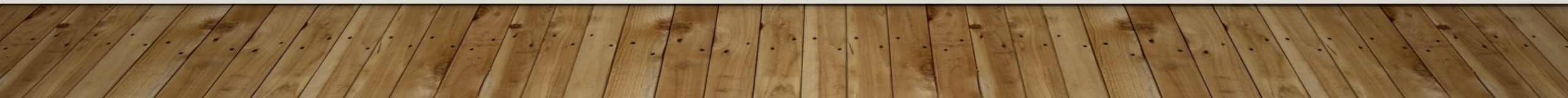


2 CORINTHIANS 5:11 MOTIVATION FOR PERSUASION: THE KNOWLEDGE AND FEAR OF THE LORD



The fear of the LORD [YHWH] is the beginning of knowledge,
but wisdom and discipline fools despise.

(Pr 1:7, AT; cf. Pr 9:10)

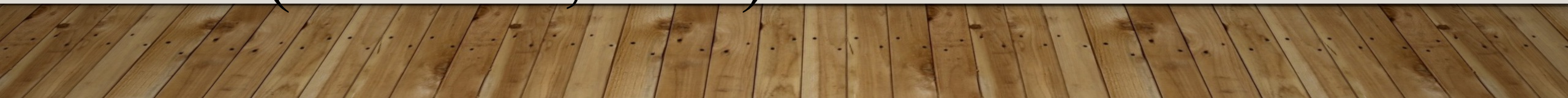




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Am I now trying to **win the approval** [πεῖθω | *peithō*] of **human beings**, or of **God**? Or am I trying to **please people**? If I were still trying to please people, I would **not be a servant of Christ**. (Gal 1:10, NIV)

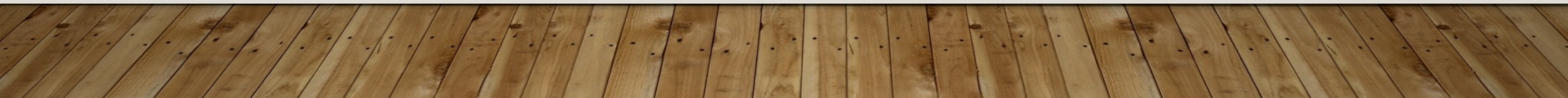




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We demolish **arguments** and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Cor 10:5, NIV)



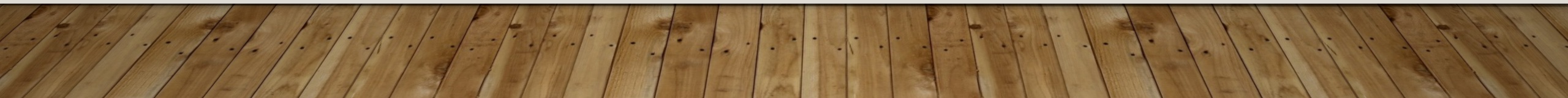


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8 Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, **arguing persuasively** [πείθω | *peithō*] about the kingdom of God. 9 But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. 10 This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. (Ac 19:8-10, NIV)



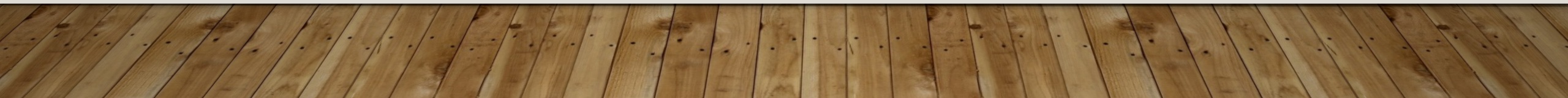


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2 As was his **custom**, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures, 3 **explaining** and **proving** that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. 4 Some of the Jews **were persuaded** [πείθω | *peithō*] and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.
(Ac 17:2-4, NIV)





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5 I do not think I am in the least inferior to those “super-apostles.” 6 I may **indeed be untrained as a speaker**, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way.

(2 Cor 11:5-6, NIV)



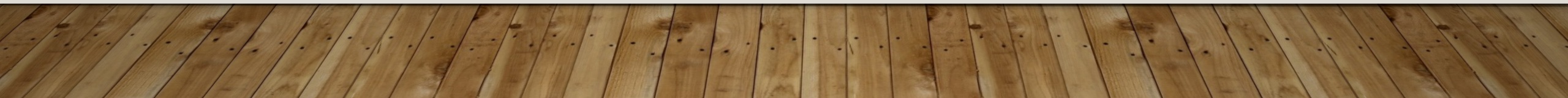
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1 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did **not come with eloquence** or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except **Jesus Christ and him crucified**. 3 I came to you in **weakness** with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and **persuasive words** [πεῖθω | *peithō*], but with a demonstration of the **Spirit's power**, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

(1 Cor 2:1-5, NIV)



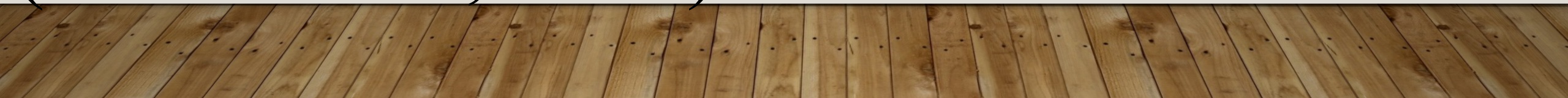


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Godly sorrow brings **repentance** that leads to **salvation** and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

(2 Cor 7:10, NIV)

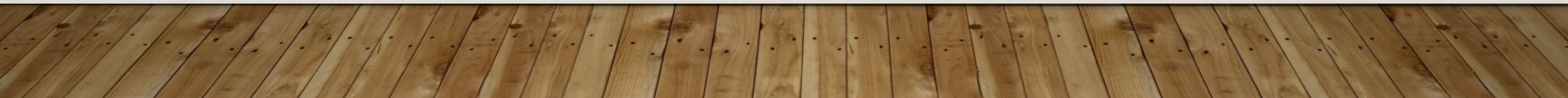




2 CORINTHIANS 5:12
NOT SELFISH,
NOR SUPERFICIAL MOTIVES



We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast because of us, so that you may have [something to say to] those who boast before you in appearances [$\pi\rho\acute{o}\sigma\omega\pi\omicron\nu$ | *prosōpon*] and not in heart. (2 Cor 5:12, AT)





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Let someone **else** praise you, and not your own **mouth**;
an outsider, and not your own **lips**. (Pr 27:2, NIV)

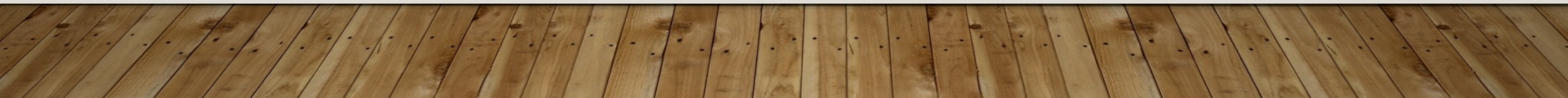




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23 This is what the LORD [YHWH] says: “Let not the wise boast of their **wisdom** or the strong boast of their **strength** or the rich boast of their **riches**, 24 but let the one who boasts boast about this: **that they have the understanding to know me**, that I am the LORD [YHWH], who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. (Jer 9:23-24, NIV)

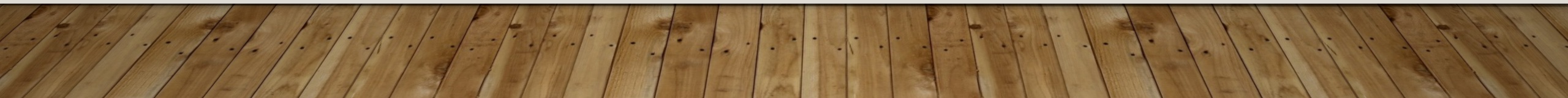




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Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”
(1 Cor 1:31, NIV)

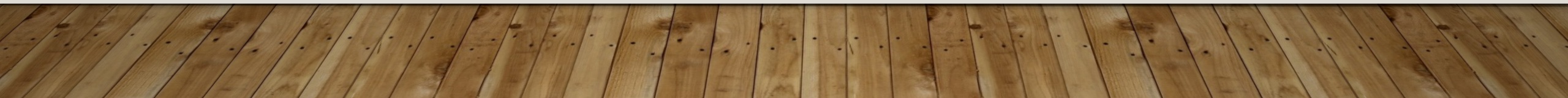




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17 But, “Let the one who boasts **boast in the Lord.**” 18 For it is not the one who **commends himself** who is approved, but the one whom the **Lord commends.** (2 Cor 10:17-18, NIV)





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You are judging by **appearances** [*πρόσωπον* | *prosōpon*]. If anyone is confident that they belong to Christ, they should consider again that we belong to Christ just as much as they do.

(2 Cor 10:7, NIV)





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Stop judging by mere
appearances, but instead judge
correctly. (Jn 7:24, NIV)



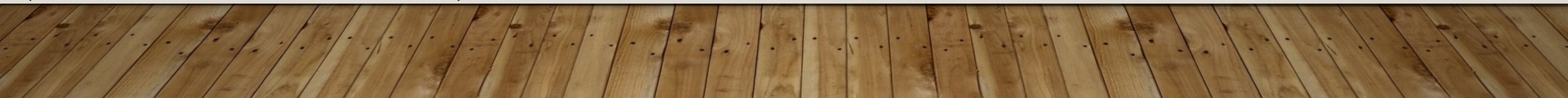


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But the LORD [YHWH] said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD [YHWH] does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance [πρόσωπον | *prosōpon*], but the LORD [YHWH] looks at the heart.”

(1 Sam 16:7, NIV)



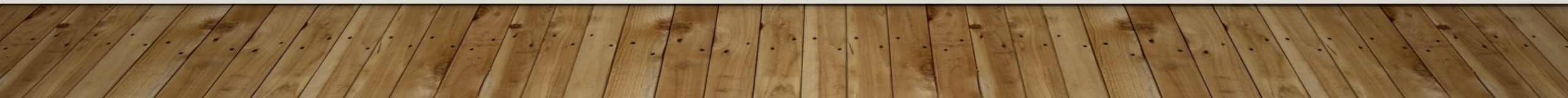


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Whatever anyone else dares to **boast** about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to **boast** about. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am **more**. I have worked much harder, **been in prison** more frequently, **been flogged** more severely, and **been exposed to death** again and again.

(2 Cor 11:21b-23, NIV)





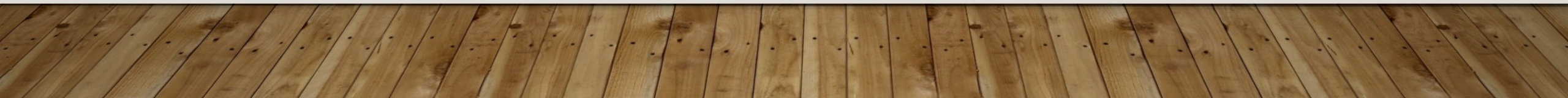
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24 Five times I received from the Jews the **forty lashes minus one**.

25 Three times I was **beaten with rods**, once I was **pelted with stones**, three times I was **shipwrecked**, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in **danger** from rivers, in **danger** from bandits, in **danger** from my fellow Jews, in **danger** from Gentiles; in **danger** in the city, in **danger** in the country, in **danger** at sea; and in **danger** from false believers. (2 Cor 11:24-26, NIV)



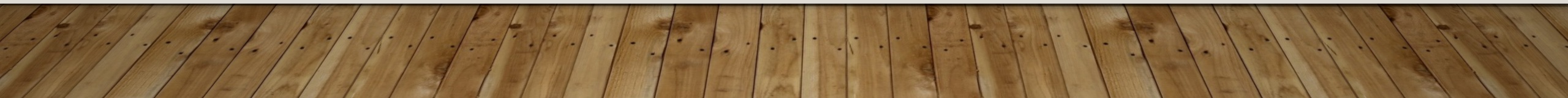


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27 I have **labored** and **toiled** and have often **gone without sleep**; I have known **hunger** and **thirst** and have often **gone without food**; I have been **cold** and **naked**.

28 Besides everything else, I face daily the **pressure of my concern** for all the churches. (2 Cor 11:27-28, NIV)

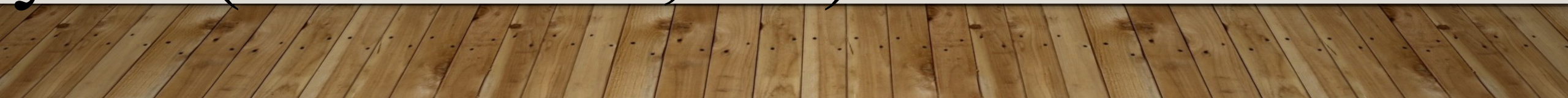




2 CORINTHIANS 5:13
MINDFUL
MOTIVES



For if we were out of our mind
[ἐξίστημι | *existēmi*], it was for God. If
we were in our right mind, it was for
you. (2 Cor 5:13, AT)

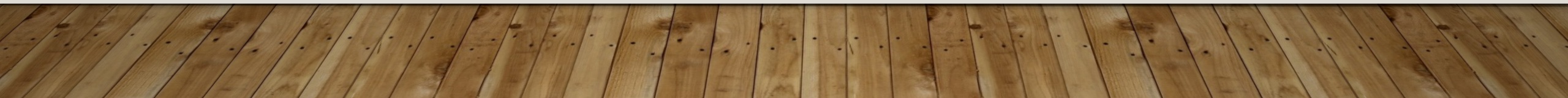




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When his **family** heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “**He is out of his mind** [ἐξίστημι | *existēmi*].” (Mk 3:21, NIV; cf. Jn 10:20)

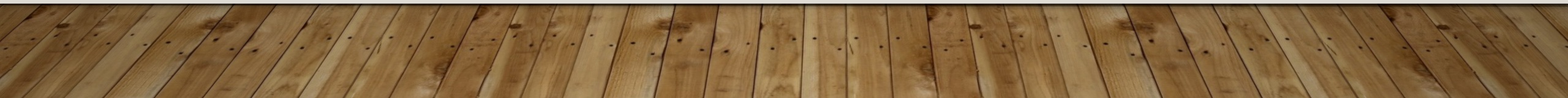




2 CORINTHIANS 5:13 MINDFUL MOTIVES



19 “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should **repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.** 21 That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. (Ac 26:19-21, NIV)

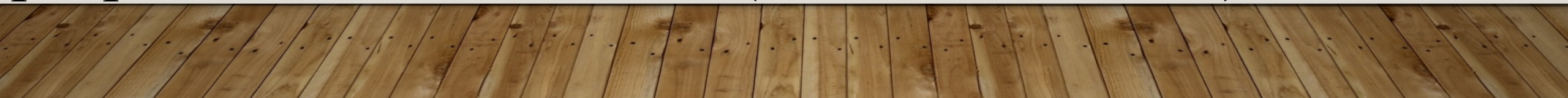




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22 But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and **testify** to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—
23 that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.” (Ac 26:22-23, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:13 MINDFUL MOTIVES



24 At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are **out of your mind**, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane."

25 "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is **true and reasonable**. (Ac 26:24-25, NIV)

